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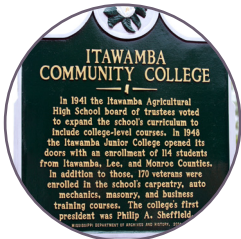
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# Dear Alumni and Friends,



We at Itawamba Community College appreciate the opportunity to reconnect with both alumni and friends through each issue of the Connection magazine.

As you read this, the 2015 spring semester is in our rearview mirror, and what a memorable one it was! The pages of this magazine will provide a glimpse at some of those important events at the College as well as an opportunity to “catch up” with some of our alumni. In the past few months, we’ve unveiled a historical marker, sponsored successful fundraisers for the Foundation, recognized deserving faculty and staff, earned athletic honors and launched an ICC app. In addition, approximately 600 graduates became alumni on May 16.

The College is extremely grateful to the family of Twila Brown and to John and Beth Cleveland for recent endowments, which will provide benefits for years to come. The success of Itawamba Community College is directly linked to the success of its

Foundation. No contribution is too small.

Your connection with the College is tremendously important to us so that we can stay in touch and continue to celebrate the momentous occasions in your lives. We urge you to join the Alumni Association so that we can share the College’s successes with you as well. We hope that you will also stay connected through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest and access our website, [www.iccms.edu](http://www.iccms.edu), for the latest news and information.

Your involvement in today’s ICC is extremely important to us. We hope to hear from you or see you soon!

*Mike Eaton*



ICC has so much to offer students and to our surrounding communities. Just because you have graduated, don’t think that your time with ICC is over. There are so many opportunities for you to continue to be a part of the ICC Family.

Your continued involvement is so important to ICC students, faculty and staff, and to “YOU.” Serving as Alumni Association President, I encourage you to join the Alumni Association today. It would make a great graduation gift for any ICC graduate.

In addition to joining the Alumni Association, please follow ICC on social media. You can continue to keep up with all of the activities happening on campus. Another great benefit of ICC is the continuing education programs. I personally have enjoyed the benefits of the photography classes, scrapbooking classes, and many more of these skill enriching opportunities. Please check out the schedule and find a class for “YOU!”

Monica Aldridge '85



It was honor to begin the New Year serving Itawamba Community College as the Director of Development. Being a native of North Mississippi and graduate of ICC, it is a privilege to have the opportunity to work for my alma mater.

This past year was a success for ICC, but we are constantly looking at new ways to move the College to the next level. We need your involvement to make this happen. The opportunities are endless when looking for ways to invest back into the organization that holds great meaning to each of us, our communities, and our State.

Help us to continue our mission. You can assist in propelling our College by wearing ICC apparel, displaying ICC memorabilia in your office or home for all to see, by becoming a member of the Alumni Association and placing an alumni decal on your vehicle, and by attending events hosted by ICC.

I hope to see you on campus soon and often. Meanwhile, please don’t hesitate to contact our office if we can ever be of an assistance to you.

*Gregory J. Corp*





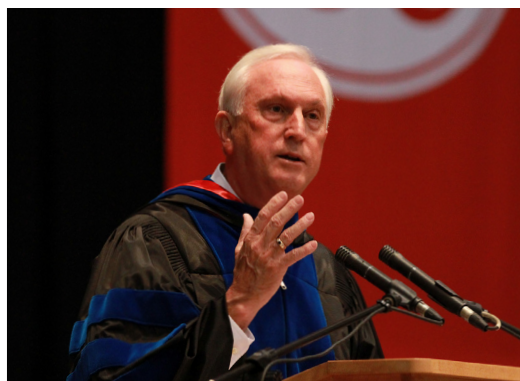
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*Congratulations,  
Graduates!*

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Dr. David C. Cole, president emeritus and current interim vice president of Economic and Community Services at Itawamba Community College, challenged the 330 Associate of Arts graduates to achieve the American dream during the 65th commencement ceremony at the Davis Event Center at the Fulton Campus at 11 a.m. Saturday.



Dr. Amanda Pitts Summers of Mantachie, who is a clinical pharmacist for North Mississippi Medical Center's Outpatient Infusion department and ICC's 2014 Alumnus of the Year, provided the address for the 3 p.m. ceremony during which 220 graduates received Associate of Applied Science degrees and certificates.







*Members of ICC's  
first class help with  
unveiling.*



**"ICC is more than bricks and mortar" said President Eaton. "It has been and continues to be home to countless thousands of students who have created lifelong memories and made extensive contributions to their professions and their communities because of the foundation that they received here at IJC/ICC."**

**ICC was the location of one of six historical markers awarded by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History on Saturday, April 18.**



*Right: Roy Ryan and Sharion  
Aycock*

# Our mark

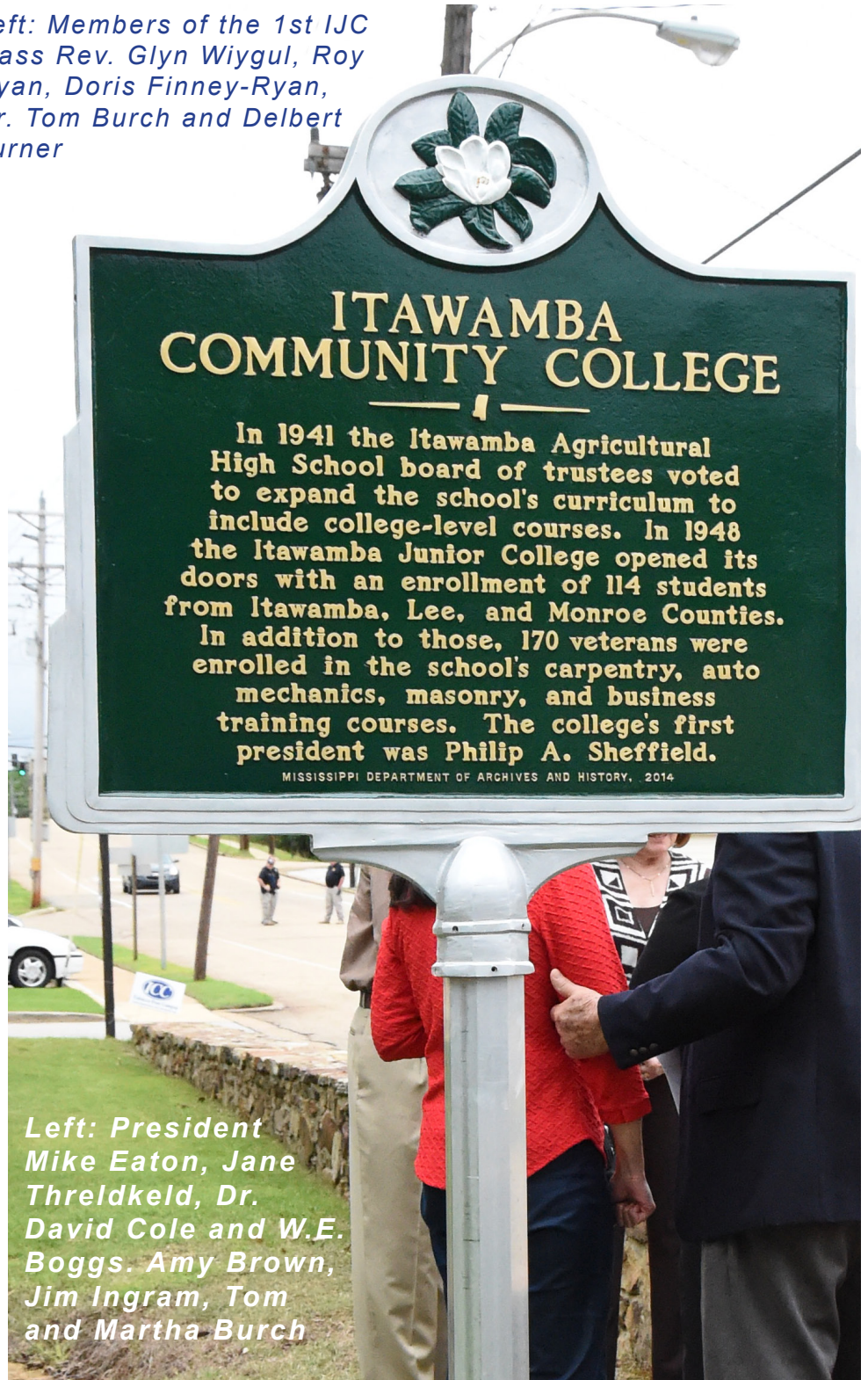




*Left: Members of the 1st IJC class Rev. Glyn Wiygul, Roy Ryan, Doris Finney-Ryan, Dr. Tom Burch and Delbert Turner*



*Left: President Mike Eaton, Jane Threldkeld, Dr. David Cole and W.E. Boggs. Amy Brown, Jim Ingram, Tom and Martha Burch*



*on history*



# ALUMNI MEMBERS

## DEATHS

Joshua Craig Brodgon, Russellville, Ark., 10.19.14  
Johnny Mitchel Worthey, Nettleton, 11.10.14  
Cottrell Howell, New Albany, 11.17.14  
Jesker Miles, Little Rock, Ark., former employee, ICC LRC, 12.4.14  
Mollie Jane Kirksey Young, Okolona, 12.11.14  
Michael Dean Simmons Jr., Shannon, 12.16.14  
Edward Michael "Mike" Carrithers, Tupelo, 12.18.14  
Charlie Ben Mitchell, Aberdeen, 12.30.14  
Charles Howard "Chuck" Aron, Tupelo, 12.30.14  
Wilma Williams Chisholm of Tupelo (ABE teacher for many years), 1.5.15  
Carl Willie Palmer of New Albany, retired ICC maintenance supervisor, 1.8.15  
Charla Elizabeth Lollar Lindsey of Mantachie, 1.16.15  
Ronnie G. "Butch" Keeley of Saltillo, 1.25.15  
Raymond Roy "Pete" Stepp of Ecru, 1.26.15  
Evelyn Gray of Mooreville, 1.26.15  
Mattie Bell Harris of Tupelo, 2.1.15  
Dr. Jimmy Aaron Wigginton of Smithville, 2.3.15  
Billy Wayne Frederick of Ozark, 2.7.15  
Donna Conlee Mooney of Ecru, 2.8.15  
Henry Cutah Robinson of Fulton, 2.11.15  
Bobby Wayne McVey of Pontocola, 2.11.15  
Harold Christian of Tupelo, 2.17.15  
Hattie Lee Dabbs of Cleveland, Tenn., 2.21.15  
Katie Black McKinney of Plantation, Fla., 3.1.15  
First Sgt. Horace Edwards of Becker, 3.3.15  
Patti Lynn Raymond Mills of Amory, 3.9.15  
Billy McMullan of San Antonio, Tex., 3.11.15  
Charles Ervin Martin of Fulton (former chief of security at ICC), 3.12.15  
Danny Lynn Smith of Tupelo, 3.15.15  
Jimmie Lou Lollar Jarrell of Mantachie (retired from Sodexo), 3.17.15  
Charles "Keith" Stephens of Tupelo, 3.24.15  
Dalton Eldridge Lackey Jr., 3.26.15  
Sherry Wiley Hawkins of Nettleton, 3.31.15  
Thomas Reed Pierce, Sr. of Aberdeen (graduate), 1981-82, president of IJC Alumni Association, former coach and high school administrator, 4.1.15  
Penny Martin Woolfolk of Tupelo, 4.8.15  
Nicole LeShay Johnson Hall of Nettleton, 4.9.15  
Wayne Henderson Cox of Pontotoc, 4.13.15  
Rick Keyes of Amory, 4.23.15  
James Billy Adams of Hamilton, 4.26.15  
Kimberly Hurt Dahlke of Saltillo, 4.26.15  
Jimmy Earl Thompson of Tupelo, 4.27.15

## WEDDINGS

Elizabeth May Miller to Maverick Monroe Smith, 11.8.14  
Amber Lorraine Williams to Dr. Justin Lee Knight, 11.22.14  
Jill Malone to Justin Smith, 12.13.14  
Berenise Villegas to James Thad Winders of Wren, 1.16.15  
Whitney Paige Owens to Brian Shelton Ard, 1.31.15  
Anna Grace Higginbotham to Bradley Lynton Whitworth, 2.7.15  
Lindsey Hope Nelson to Gregory Warren Chapman, 2.14.15  
Staci Rusoe to Brandon Baggett, 2.21.15

Beverly Elayne Hester to Daniel Paul Mann, 2.21.15  
Phillip Wesley Troy Minga to Kathleen Elizabeth Stanley, 3.6.15  
Autumn Brooke Carroll to Corey Wade Hale, 3.7.15  
Mallory Ann Sullivan to Brandon Lee Hillyard, 3.14.15  
Kimberly Hardy Holley to Jody Mark Avent, 3.14.15  
Mallory Young to Cory Campbell, 3.14.15  
Hannah Jill Smith to Jason Matthew Kennedy, 3.21.15  
Samantha Warren to Ted Wigington, 3.21.15  
Morgan LaDean Knowles to Phillip Andrew (Drew) Carr, 3.21.15  
Hope Earnest to Malcolm Jones, 3.21.15  
Donna Dillard to Craig Foster, 3.21.15  
Victoria Denise Williams to Robert Blake Christian, 4.11.15  
Katelynn Willene Davis to Caleb Englert, May wedding (no date given)  
Callie Wilson to Max Wolfe, 5.2.15  
Carley Michelle Davis to Aaron Brady Jenkins, 5.16.15  
Brianna Joy Spears to Aaron Luke Parmer, 5.16.15

## "THE BEST IS YET TO BE"



Members of the ICC family who participated in the reception for retirees or non-returnees, May 5, include seated, from left, Lisa Hatfield, WIA youth case manager; Dana Hale, Health, Physical Education and Recreation division chair; Cy Williams, public speaking instructor; Eleese Standifer, housekeeping staff; back, James Segars, history and Bible instructor; Dr. Clint Boals, history instructor; James Davis, electronics technology instructor; and Dr. Ken Bishop, Communications division chair and English instructor.



# Legislative Day 2015



Left: Director of Development, Tyler Camp speaks with Lt. Governor Tate Reeves. Bottom: Dr. Jan Reid Bunch, Gerald Ray Bell, Jim Ingram, Senator Hob Ryan, Bud Wiygul, Rep. Steve Holland, Tyler Camp and President Mike Eaton

Top: ICC Board Member Gerald Ray Bell, Senator Nancy Collins, President Mike Eaton and ICC Board Member Jeanette Atkins. Bottom: Foundation Director Jim Ingram and Senator J.P. Wilemon



## PTK WINS REGIONAL • INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

The Upsilon Sigma chapter at the Fulton Campus brought home several international awards from San Antonio, Tex. including Distinguished Chapter, Honors in Action Hallmark, College Project and a Top 100 Chapter. In addition, the chapter's Heather McCormick of Fulton and Beta Tau Sigma chapter's Dr. Delena Hukle of Mantachie were named among 30 Distinguished Advisors internationally.

Regional awards received by the Beta Tau Sigma chapter include Jennifer Rigby, Order of the Golden Key; Betsy White, Horizon Award for Advisors; eighth in

college project award; and Mississippi-Louisiana Five Star Chapter.

Upsilon Sigma won seven awards including Heather McCormick, Bennie Warren Outstanding Advisor; Robin Lowe, Continued Excellence for Advisors and Horizon Award for Advisors; sixth in college project; theme winner in the Honors in Action theme 8; fourth place in Honors in Action; and fourth place in Most Distinguished Chapter.

In addition, two awards were presented to Beta Tau Sigma officers during the local induction ceremony. President Kellie Ballard

received the Linda McEachern Outstanding Officer award; and vice president Mallory Mahon, who is also the MS/LA regional secretary, the Dr. Delena Hukle Outstanding Member award.





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The Itawamba Community College Foundation is committed to supporting the College through raising funds for student scholarships and teacher stipends, for capital improvements, and to meet other needs. Fundraising events this year began in February with a very successful bluegrass concert presented in the Davis

Event Center in Fulton. Following in April was the second annual Tour de Tanglefoot Trail, a bike ride starting in Pontotoc and traveling the Tanglefoot Trail toward Houston. Some serious riders even returned to Pontotoc and then rode the loop to New Albany as well. It was a fun day for all who participated.

Exciting things are in the works for ICC! Itawamba Community College stands as a leader among community colleges in Mississippi and throughout the nation, carrying forward a tradition of academic and athletic excellence. Plans for expanding the academic programs on the Tupelo Campus include construction of several new facilities. Meanwhile, ICC's leaders have endeavored to minimize education expenses for students, and the cost now is approximately one-fourth the cost of a university. Almost 85 percent of ICC's students receive some type of financial aid - scholarship, grant, loan or work study. The Foundation Board is working with ICC leaders and staff to ensure that a quality education is available and affordable for any deserving student. Let me urge you to participate in this effort through your contributions to the ICC Foundation. It will be an investment in the future of Mississippi!

**Teresa Hooker**  
Foundation President



2015 has been an exciting and busy year for the Foundation from our April Board Meeting to our 2nd Annual Tanglefoot Bike Ride this spring which raises much needed funds for scholarships.

The college hosted for the 19th consecutive year, our Gospel/Bluegrass Concert in February at the Davis Event Center in Fulton. However, this year, the proceeds from our event will be utilized by the ICC Foundation.

Thank you again for your continued support of Itawamba Community College and the Foundation. Because of your generosity, the students of the future can benefit from scholarships, programs, and services of the college.

As always, we welcome your visits, calls, comments, suggestions, and ideas as we continue to strive to make Itawamba Community College Foundation the best.

**Jim Ingram, Director**  
Institutional Advancement







ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

ICC's Foundation and scholarship fund are the beneficiaries of the second annual Tour de Tanglefoot, which was April 25 in Pontotoc.

Approximately 50 cyclists participated in the major fundraiser. Sponsors include: Woodmen of the World, TM Medical Associates, First National Bank, McCarty Architects, F.L. Crane & Sons, J&B Services, Ferguson Plumbing, Coca-Cola, Montgomery Enterprises and TVA. Whistle Stop sponsors include: Pontotoc EPA, Weatherall's, Renasant Bank, Bobby and Wanda Barnes, Hill Trail and Bikes, AT&T, Community Bank, Electric and Machine Shop, Houston Monument, Grocer's Pride Supermarket, David's One Stop, NESCO, Southern Motion, Montgomery Drugs and Tim and Pam Long.



*Rhonda Vincent and Gene Watson.  
Right: President Mike Eaton and  
Buster Davis. Daily and Vincent.  
Doyle Lawson. President Eaton and  
Dr. Jan Reid Bunch present Buster  
Davis with plaque.*

19th Annual

# Bluegrass









A popular and caring Itawamba County educator has been memorialized with the endowment of a scholarship, which will be awarded beginning with the fall 2015 semester.

The **Twila Brown Memorial Endowed Scholarship**, which was established by her husband of 50 years, Larry, and their family, will be awarded to a rising sophomore in the English or Spanish education field.

Brown, daughter of Victor and Delores Holston Broom, taught high school English and Spanish for almost 39 years. She graduated from Itawamba Agricultural High School, Itawamba Junior College and Mississippi State University.

"Twila Brown taught, inspired and loved her students," said ICC President Mike Eaton. "The family's generosity in the endowment of this scholarship will enable

many students in years to come to continue her legacy. The College is extremely grateful."

Brown was extremely proud of her family, which also includes her children, Kevin (Debbie), Larinda Lolley (Terry), Matthew (Nikki) and Joey (Mary Kate) and her grandchildren, Glynn Brown, Morgan Lolley, Jordan Brow, Erin Lolley, Emily Brown, Nason Brown, Josiah Brown, Carpenter Brown, Timothy Brown, Kelly Brown, Sadie Brown and Anna Kate Brown.



The criteria for selection include a full-time student from Itawamba County, a 3.0 GPA and plans to attend a university, majoring in education upon graduation from ICC.

# Family • Education • Legacy

An outstanding teacher will be honored during An Evening of Celebration: Honoring Academic Excellence Across the Curriculum, thanks to a new endowment by **John and Beth Cleveland** of Centreville, VA. Criteria and eligibility are being established for the outstanding teacher award, which will begin in 2017.

The endowment is the second for the Clevelands, whose generosity also provides educational opportunities to students who are majoring in math, science or engineering.

The Clevelands, who are Itawamba County natives, attended ICC where they participated in intercollegiate athletics and pursued majors in the fields of engineering and math and science education.

John graduated from Itawamba Agricultural High School and attended ICC on a basketball scholarship. He is a cum laude graduate of Ole Miss with a degree in civil engineering. For 26 years he has been employed by ExxonMobil, and serves as Ole Miss campus recruiter. He has

been married to the former Beth Reed, for 29 years.

She attended ICC and is a 1987 graduate of Ole Miss with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She has worked as a math and science teacher, pre-school teacher, private tutor, homemaker and volunteer.

The Clevelands have three daughters, Megan, Courtney and Kellie Reed. The Clevelands are members of the Manassas Church of Christ. The family also includes Weston, a three-year-old Biewer Yorkshire Terrier.

"ICC is extremely grateful to John and Beth Cleveland and their family for this significant endowment, which

will enable the College to recognize an outstanding instructor each year," said President Mike Eaton. "ICC's instructors work tirelessly to ensure that our students



have the best educational foundation possible. So many of our teachers provide a lifelong connection with our students."



# MEET MARK BURLESON



The newest member of ICC's Foundation Board, a native of Tupelo, Mark Burleson is the Northeast Mississippi Division president at BancorpSouth.

He earned the associate's degree from ICC, where he played tennis and baseball and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007, and the bachelor's degree from the

University of Mississippi.

Burleson is a member of the Rotary Club and serves on the boards of the Community

Development Foundation, Regional Rehabilitation Center, North Mississippi Health Services audit committee, North Mississippi Medical Clinics, Natchez Trace Parkway Association, Northeast Mississippi Community Relations Association, Antone Tannehill Good Samaritan Free Clinic, United Way, Neighborhood Development Corporation, March of Dimes, executive committee of the Community Development Foundation, Minority PUL Alliance and the ICC Foundation Board. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tupelo. He and his wife, the former Kim Kilpatrick, have three daughters.

## MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Four Itawamba Community College faculty members have been selected as recipients of the Meritorious Achievement awards for 2015.

They include Dana Hale of Saltillo, chair of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation division; Eddie Moore of Fulton, forestry, surveying and math instructor;

Lisa Pearson of Amory, practical nursing instructor; and Charles Wayne Spencer III of Woodland, heating and air conditioning instructor.

The Meritorious Achievement award is the most prestigious honor bestowed on an employee for exemplary service to the College.





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Anthony Fernandez

Jayla Chills

Jeb Millender



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# ATHLETES



FOOTBALL

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## 2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



8/27  
Copiah-Lincoln  
[WEAR RED]



9/03  
Jones County  
[WEAR WHITE]



9/10  
@ Holmes



9/17  
Northwest  
[MILITARY APPRECIATION]  
[WEAR RED]



9/26  
@ East Mississippi



10/03  
Coahoma  
[HOMECOMING]  
[WEAR RED]



10/08  
@ Northeast



10/15  
Mississippi Delta  
[SOPHOMORE NIGHT]  
[WEAR BLUE]



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## Tennis



WOMEN'S 1 SINGLES CHAMPION



TAYLOR PATTERSON

MEN'S 3 DOUBLES CHAMPION



MARK ROBBINS/JOSEPH SUMMERS

MEN'S 2 DOUBLES CHAMPION



DAVID MCELWAIN/AUSTIN MCELWAIN

MEN'S 5 SINGLES CHAMPION



MARK ROBBINS

WOMEN'S 6 SINGLES CHAMPION



KACEY BYRD

MEN'S 6 SINGLES CHAMPION



JOSEPH SUMMERS

MEN'S 4 SINGLES CHAMPION



DAVID MCELWAIN

WOMEN'S 3 DOUBLES CHAMPION



ANDRIA BARNES/MADISON SCOTT

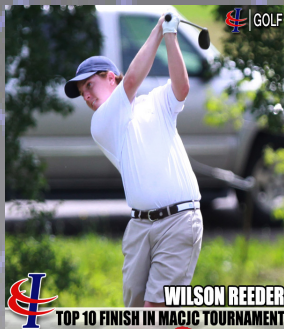
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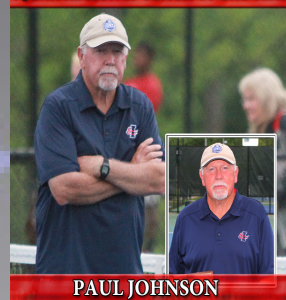


ANNA-CLAIRE GRIFFIN  
NO. 4 SINGLES CONSOLATION CHAMPION



WILSON REEDER  
TOP 10 FINISH IN MACJC TOURNAMENT

NCAA REGION 23 COACH OF THE YEAR



PAUL JOHNSON



## Women's Basketball

## Golf

# REGION 23





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